Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Government should also see why so many boys are not allowed to sit for the examination.

President.—Is there any complaint that they were not allowed by the Manager to sit for the examination? How are we to go into this case? Are we to conceive of hypothetical complaints and then investigate?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here we have got the figures.

Mr. C. Matthai.—We are bound to place facts before the Members, but I strongly object to any unwarranted insinuation based on those facts.

President.—Before you make any personal reflection, or point out irregularities in connection with the administration of any department, you must see that you are sure of the facts.

Grant to aided schools without the prescribed strength.

36. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were instances in which aided schools received grants to which they were not entitled by reason of their strength being below the required minimum in the past 3 years, and if so, how many such cases were detected by the department with a list of such schools, and how the cases were disposed of?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There was only one such instance (vide answer to question No. 98 of the last budget session).

Complaints against the Head-master, Narakkal Girls' School.

37. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any petitions were received during the year 1101 by the Director of Public Instruction or the Inspectress of Girls' Schools alleging certain charges against the Head-master of the Narakkal Girls' School?

(2) If any petitions were received, will the Government be pleased to state whether any enquiry was made; if so, by whom, and the nature of the enquiry?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes.

(2) An enquiry was conducted by the Inspectress of Schools, and it was found that there was little foundation for the allegations against the Head-master. The Inspectress, however, recommended that he may be transferred elsewhere, and he was, therefore, transferred to Kadamakkudi School.

38. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the President of the Narakkal Panchayat wrote to the Inspectress of Girls' Schools on

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14th Karkadagam 1101 drawing attention among other things to the scandals regarding the school?

(b) If so, will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, was taken in the matter? If no action has been taken, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the silence?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to part (2) of question No. 37.

39. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the President of the Narakkal Panchayat visited the Narakkal Girls' School on behalf of the Panchayat, and reported to the Inspectress, pointing out certain wants of the school, and is it a fact that the Inspectress without even acknowledging the receipt of the communication wrote to the Director that Panchayats should not be allowed to interfere in administrative details?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes; the Inspectress received the President's letter, and forwarded it to the Director for necessary action.

An archaeological survey.

40. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) was there ever an archaeological survey in the Cochin State;

(2) if not, will the Government be pleased to undertake one;

(3) if so, will the Government be pleased to begin the same from Tiruvanchikulam?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) The Government have been attending to the workof archaeological researches and preserving monuments of historical and archaeological interest. Lists of such monuments in the State were got prepared by the officers of the Land Revenue and Forest Departments in 1077, and the procedure for the preservation of new archaeological finds laid down in Article 320 of *the Land Revenue Manual.*

2. The Government have appointed Mr. K. Rama Pisharodi to attend to the work. A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings dated 26th October 1924, C. No. 5684/97, is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

3. Yes.

The inspection of malarial tracts.

41. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Now that Major Ross is shortly expected at Madras, will the Government be pleased

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